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# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *RMT* Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACTION PLAN

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

## SUMMARY

As directed by the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board)), the Los Angeles Fire Department (Department) is providing a quarterly update to the Department's Domestic Violence (DV) and Human Trafficking (HT) Action Plan. This update is for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019.

This update provides an overview of the Department's continued commitment to educating its members in the recognition, documentation and reporting of all incidents of suspected domestic violence (DV) and/or human trafficking (HT).

The Department's overall goal in regards to domestic violence and human trafficking is to ensure that all members are able to recognize, document and report all suspected incidents of DV or HT that LAFD members respond to or identify by other means. Members are also expected to provide the contact phone number for available resources to any suspected victim who is in a position to receive such information without compromising their safety.

To this end, in the first quarter of 2019, the Department accomplished the following actions:

### Training

- Developed and distributed to all members Departmental Bulletin 19-04 (DB 19-04), "Identification and Treatment of Known or Suspected Victims of Domestic Violence." To date, 2,249 members have read DB 19-04.
- Provided 8-hours of "Domestic Violence for Dispatchers" training to 7 additional dispatchers at Metro Fire Communications (MFC). To date 55 members from MFC have received this training.

- Obtained 56 additional completions of DV/HT training by delinquent members. Currently 89% of members have completed the initial DV/HT training.
- Continued research of additional training to be provided to all members in 2019/2020.

#### Data Tracking/Statistics

During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019, the EMS Bureau has reported six incidents of possible domestic violence and two incidents of possible human trafficking.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board:

Receive and file this report.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Department is committed to ensuring that every Department member is trained to identify potential DV or HT incidents, and to take the appropriate measures to ensure the documentation and reporting of all incidents of suspected DV or HT.

Board report prepared by Battalion Chief Linda Cessor, Executive Officer, Administrative Operations Bureau.